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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

REGULAR MEETING:

21 JANUARY 2003

The City Council of the City of Greensboro met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Councilmembers Claudette Burroughs-White, Sandy Carmany, Florence F. Gatten, Belvin J. Jessup, Yvonne Johnson, Robert V. Perkins, Thomas M. Phillips and Donald R. Vaughan. Absent: None. Also present were Ed Kitchen, City Manager, Linda Miles, City Attorney; and Susan E. Crotts, Deputy City Clerk.

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The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Assistant City Manager recognized Warlena Lane, employee in the Human Relations Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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The Mayor outlined the procedure for conduct of the meeting.

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Mayor Holliday presented certificates of appreciation to the following agencies involved in the "Continuum of Care Program" administered by Housing and Urban Development Department: The Servant Center, The Christian Counseling and Wellness Group, The Family Service of the Piedmont, Greensboro Urban Ministry, Homeless Prevention Group, and Mary's House. The Mayor spoke to the federal grant amounts received and various homeless prevention services these agencies provided. He recognized Cynthia Blue of the Housing and Community Development Department for her work with homeless prevention agencies.

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The City Manager recognized City Employees involved with the initial implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) computer system. He praised staff for their dedicated efforts to make the transition to the new system and recognized the following individuals from various departments: Budget and Evaluation: Mickey Sloan, Joan Allen, Larry Davis; ERP: Jeffery Maxim, Larry Kerr; Executive: Mitchell Johnson; Finance: Anita Wilson, Allison Ford, Chris Payne, Jackie Lowe, Ron Goodwin, Susan Wuchae; Human Resources: Wanda Alverson, Arlene Spencer, Audrey Hewitt, Tammy Dickens, Debbie LaRue, Kay Scott, Bob Carter, Tina Jones, Patsy Burks; Management Information Systems: Vanessa Strachan, Wanda Garrison, Sandra Jones, Lelia Wood, Billy Faucette, Darryl Jones, Larry Johnson, Steve Raper and Tom Richardson. The Manager expressed thanks and appreciation to the team for their outstanding achievement.

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Mayor Holliday stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance rezoning form RS-12 Residential Single Family to RS-9 Residential Single Family for property located on the north side of Allyson Avenue between Holland Road and Cocklereece Drive. He stated this matter was being heard on appeal filed by Michael Stimpson after receiving a 6-2 vote of the Zoning Commission to recommend approval of the rezoning.

Bill Ruska, Zoning Administrator in the Planning Department, outlined the request; presented a land use map and slides of the surrounding area; and advised that although no one had spoken in opposition to the request at the Zoning Commission meeting, an appeal had been filed.

Mayor Holliday asked if anyone wished to be heard.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the request:

Thomas Bowles, residing at 2600 Mount Hope Church Road in Whittsett, North Carolina, spoke to history of ownership of his property, a past attempt to put an additional house on the lot, and the available lot size, which he noted exceeded the requirements of RS-9 zoning. Mr. Bowles stated the proposed lot was located at the rear of an existing house, was level with good drainage and would have 13,980 square feet which exceeded the requirements for RS-9 zoning. He added that both lots exceeded 12,000 square feet.

Mr. Ruska explained that the lot width and side setbacks were not conforming with RS-12, but met the requirements of RS-9 zoning.

There being no one wishing to speak in opposition to the rezoning, Councilmember Johnson moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perkins and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

Mr. Ruska provided the following staff recommendation:

Item 7 – Allyson Avenue

The Planning Department recommends that this request be approved.

This request is consistent with several rezonings to RS-9 which have occurred in the last few years in this northeastern part of the City.

The CU-RS-7 area to the east was originally zoned by City Council in October 1999 and the RS-7 immediately north of this property was rezoned by City Council in September of 2000.

Given the emphasis on promoting infill development in appropriate locations and the adjacent zoning, staff feels that this is a reasonable proposal compatible with single family development in the surrounding area.

Councilmember Phillips shared his view that infill by addition of a house in a back yard of a small home on a large lot would set a precedent he could not support.

Council discussed other methods of infill development, reviewed a slide of the property again and debated whether it would be appropriate for the Board of Adjustment to consider granting a variance. After additional discussion, Mr. Ruska advised that the frontage easily met the requirements for RS-9 zoning.

Councilmember Vaughan thereupon moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perkins; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jessup, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: Gatten, Johnson and Phillips.

03-16 AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

NORTH SIDE OF ALLYSON AVENUE BETWEEN HOLLAND ROAD AND COCKLEREECE DRIVE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. The Official Zoning Map is hereby amended by rezoning from RS-12 Residential Single Family to RS-9 Residential Single Family uses for the area described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northern right-of-way line of Allyson Avenue, said point being the southwest corner of Annette G. Mabe as recorded in Deed Book 4246, Page 0698 in the Office of the Guilford County Register of Deeds; thence along said northern right-of-way line N86° 22'20"W 149.93 feet to a point, said point being the southeast corner of Billy Wayne Paschal and Luerita Reid Paschal as recorded in Deed Book 3491, Page 201; thence along Paschal's line N04° 50'35"E 214.72 feet to a point in the line of Keystone Group, Inc. as recorded in Deed Book 4908, Page 748; thence along the line of Keystone Group, Inc. S86° 30'00"E 150.72 feet to a point, said point being the northwest corner of Annette G. Mabe; thence along Mabe's line S05° 03'10"W 215.08 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING as shown on a plat prepared by Jerry King Surveying, Inc. dated November 14, 2002.

(Signed) Donald R. Vaughan

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Mayor Holliday stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with respect to Zoning, Planning and Development to add Cellular Telephone Sales and Service as a permitted use by right in five commercial districts and to adopt Development Standards for that use in the Corporate Park District.

Mr. Ruska outlined the provisions of the ordinance and explained that it would allow telephone sales in the Limited Business district. He explained the zoning district's similarities to the corporate park district which included compatible retail businesses.

After the Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard and no one present stated they wished to speak to this matter, Mr. Ruska stated that the Planning Board and Multi Jurisdictional Ordinance Committee unanimously recommended the amendment.

Councilmember Phillips thereupon moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Gatten, Holliday, Jessup, Johnson, Perkins, Phillips and Vaughan. Noes: None.

03-17 AMENDING CHAPTER 30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. That Table 30-4-5-1, Permitted Use Schedule, is hereby amended by adding in alphabetical sequence under the Retail Trade subsection the following use to read "Cellular Telephone Sales and Service", by placing a "4812" entry in the Ref SIC column, by placing a "3" entry in the LUC column, by placing "P" entries in the LB, GB, HB, CB, and SC columns, and by placing a "D" entry in the CP column.

Section 2. That Section 30-5-2, Development Standards for Individual Uses, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection 30-5-2.24.5 to read as follows:

"30-5-2.24.5 Cellular Telephone Sales and Service

(A) Where Required: CP District.

(B) Maximum Area: A maximum of three thousand (3,000) square feet of gross floor area shall be permitted per establishment.

(C) Outside Storage: No outside storage of materials shall be permitted."

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

(Signed) Thomas M. Phillips

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Mayor Holliday stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a resolution closing all remaining street right-of-way within the area bounded by the eastern right-of-way line of Gillespie Street, the southern right-of-way line of Spencer Street, the western right-of-way line of Jennifer Street, and the northern right-of-way lines of Everitt Street and McConnell Road.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard; no one present in the Chamber indicated they wished to speak. Council briefly discussed the proposal and its role in the Hope VI neighborhood revitalization project.

Councilmember Johnson moved adoption of resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Gatten, Holliday, Jessup, Johnson, Perkins, Phillips and Vaughan. Noes: None.

14-03 RESOLUTION CLOSING ALL REMAINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GILLESPIE STREET, THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SPENCER STREET, THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF JENNIFER STREET, AND THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES OF EVERITT STREET AND McCONNELL ROAD

WHEREAS, the owner of all of the property abutting the eastern right of way of Gillespie Street, the southern right-of-way of Spencer Street, the western right-of-way of line of Jennifer Street, and the northern right – of-way lines of Everitt Street and McConnell Road have requested in writing that said portion of streets be closed and abandoned as public streets;

WHEREAS, a notice was duly published that a public hearing would be held by the City Council in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Office Building on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., on the closing of said portion of streets;

WHEREAS, the public hearing has now been held and no objections have been made to the closing thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council hereby finds as a fact that the owners of all of the property abutting the sides of the hereinafter mentioned portion of said streets have requested in writing that said portion of streets be closed.
2. That the City Council hereby finds as a fact that the closing of the portion of said streets is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual or other party owning property in the vicinity of the streets or in the subdivision in which the streets are located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress or egress to his or its property.
3. That the following portion of the streets is hereby permanently closed and abandoned as a public street:

ALL REMAINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY TE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GILLESPIE STREETM, THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SPENCER STREET, THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF JENNIFER STREET, AND THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES OF EVERITT STREET AND McCONNELL ROAD.

(Signed) Yvonne J. Johnson

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Mayor Holliday stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a resolution confirming assessment roll for water, sewer and roadway paving improvements on Murraylane Road from Maybrook Drive to Dead End.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Thomas K Phillips, residing at 407 Murraylane Road, spoke to the history of the annexation of his property, past attempts to petition for water and sewer service, problems with a neighbors septic tank, and other concerns and remedies he had pursued. He requested the Council to change the current assessment fee to the fee amount assessed in 1993, when he originally petitioned for the improvement but did not have sufficient signatures from property owners.

The City Manager advised that the facts would be provided to Council to clarify the assessments process followed and address concerns raised. He noted that when a majority of citizens fronting a street did not agree to sign a petition, the City did not force the assessment and clarified that water and sewer services were paid through fees, not assessments.

Karen Rhodes, owner of land at 409 Murraylane Road, stated that the contractor who built the road near her property had cut down four large Pen Oak trees on her property without permission. She spoke to her unsuccessful attempts to address this issue with the City and the contractor. The City Manager advised that legal staff would contact Ms. Rhodes to follow up with her concerns.

Councilmember Burroughs-White noted she had met recently with area residents and expressed her concerns about the various issues. She requested an overview and explanation of the information discussed and asked that an appropriate staff person accompany her to investigate a concern that houses may have been built on an old lake.

Councilmember Carmany moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. No vote was taken.

Following brief discussion, Councilmember Johnson moved that this matter be continued to the February 18, 2003 Council meeting without further advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

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Moving to the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Carmany moved adoption of the ordinances, resolutions and motions on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the Consent Agenda was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Gatten, Holliday, Jessup, Johnson, Perkins, Phillips and Vaughan. Noes: None.

03-18 ORDINANCE AMENDING STATE, FEDERAL AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR FY 2002-03 PARKS AND RECREATION N.C. SENIOR GAMES PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation for the State, Federal and Other Grants Fund be increased as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
220-5076-01.5237	Program Supplies	\$ 1,775
220-5076-01.5413	Consultant Services	<u>450</u>

Total **\$ 2,225**

and, that this increase be financed by increasing the following State, Federal and Other Grants Fund accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
220-5076-01.9101	Transfer from General Fund	\$ 225
220-5075-01.7170	Local Government Grant	<u>2,000</u>

Total **\$ 2,225**

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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15-03 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT

WHEREAS, the City and the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission are responsible for maintaining an up-to-date Inventory of Historic Resources as a requirement of the Certified Local Government Program;

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems provides computer technology for mapping and managing spatial information such as historic properties and areas of the City;

WHEREAS, a GIS application for the Historic Resources Inventory will benefit the City in its various planning activities, private developers in land planning activities, and the general public;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan makes the following recommendation:
“To help ensure that historic resources are considered during the development process, Greensboro’s inventory of historic resources should be entered into a database that can be accessed through the City’s Geographic Information System.”;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Fund provides federal assistance for survey and planning activities such as this project;

WHEREAS, a community-based approach to this project is proposed with a financial partnership between the City of Greensboro and Preservation Greensboro, Incorporated;

WHEREAS, the grant application has been recommended by the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission and Preservation Greensboro Incorporated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the application for Historic Preservation Fund Grant is hereby approved and the submission of said application to the State Historic Preservation Office for a grant of \$8,400 is hereby authorized.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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16-03 RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2003 ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS – PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF NEW I-85 AND EAST OF AND INCLUDING REHOBETH CHURCH ROAD – 32.45 ACRES

WHEREAS, the owners of all the hereinafter described property, which is contiguous to the City of Greensboro, have requested in writing that said property be annexed to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Section 31 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that territory may be annexed after notice has been given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 21st day of January, 2003, the following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS (PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF NEW I-85 AND EAST OF AND INCLUDING REHOBETH CHURCH ROAD – 32.45 ACRES)

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31, the hereinafter described territory is hereby annexed to City of Greensboro:

BEGINNING at a point in the existing city limits (as of December 31, 2002) of the City of Greensboro, said point being the southernmost corner of Lot 16 of Fieldstone, Section 2, as recorded in Plat Book 125, Page 2 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS S 31° 45' 22" W 15.92 feet to a point in the north line of that property acquired by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the I-85 Greensboro Bypass; thence with the north line of said I-85 N 81° 32' 28" W 1,674.70 feet to a point; thence continuing with said north line N 81° 32' 28" W 126.69 feet to a point; thence continuing with said north line N 76° 58' 51" W 1,031.57 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction, crossing Rehobeth Church Road, approximately 160 feet to a point in the existing city limits; THENCE PROCEEDING WITH THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS the following courses and distances: N 15° 50' 34" E 211.34 feet to a point on the western right-of-way line of Rehobeth Church Road and S 74° 09' 26" E 52.00 feet to a point on the western right-of-way line of Rehobeth Church Road; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS in an easterly direction approximately 60 feet to a point on the eastern right-of-way line of Rehobeth Church Road; thence N 84° 10' 21" E approximately 710 feet along the south line of Maranatha Church, Inc. to a point in Maranatha Church's south line; thence N 20° 11' 43" E 9.63 feet along said south line to a point; thence S 85° 15' 50" E 216.63 feet along said south line to an existing stone at Maranatha Church's southeast corner; thence N 21° 40' 10" E 444.26 feet along Maranatha Church's east line to Maranatha Church's northeast corner; thence S 88° 41' 20" E 217.50 feet along the south line of Faith Wesleyan Church to an existing stone; thence S 58° 42' 14" E 961.67 feet to a point in the south line of Suzanne S. Leonard; thence S 69° 57' 33" E 602.81 feet to a point in the existing city limits; THENCE PROCEEDING WITH THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS S 01° 21' 47" W 331.91 feet to a point; thence S 72° 20' 04" E 99.53 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, and containing approximately 32.45 acres.

Section 2. The owners agree to pay to the City of Greensboro an acreage fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per acre for water service and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per acre for sewer service immediately prior to the time of annexation. Any utility line assessments which may have been levied by the County shall be collected either by voluntary payment or through foreclosure of same by the City. Following annexation, the property annexed shall receive the same status regarding charges and rates as any other property located inside the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. The owners shall be fully responsible for extending water and sewer service to the property at said owners' expense.

Section 4. From and after the effective date of annexation, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force within the City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits thereof, subject to the provisions in Sections 2 and 3 above.

Section 5. From and after April 30, 2003, the liability for municipal taxes for the 2002-2003 fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of 2/12 of the total amount of taxes that would be due for the entire fiscal year. The due date

for prorated municipal taxes shall be September 1, 2003. Municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and thereafter shall be due annually on the same basis as any other property within the city limits.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective on and after April 30, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. be fixed as the time and the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building as the place for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory to the City of Greensboro as above set out and that this resolution be published in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro not later than January 25, 2003.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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17-03 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO SEWER BILL TO SHAMROCK ENVIRONMENT COMPANY FOR SERVICE TO 519 PATTON AVENUE

WHEREAS, under the Rules and Regulations for the Operation of the Water and Wastewater System of the City of Greensboro the Water Resources Customer Service Department is occasionally required to make adjustments to customer service bills;

WHEREAS, Shamrock Environment Company is the owner of property located at 519 Patton Avenue;

WHEREAS, this is a special sewer only discharge involving a sewer flow meter which was generating erroneous readings that resulted in significant overcharges;

WHEREAS, after investigations by staff, the city has calculated an adjustment of \$68,497.09 in accordance with the above mentioned Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the reduction of this sewer bill is hereby approved and the Water Resources Customer Service Department is hereby authorized to reduce the bill to Shamrock Environment Company for service to 519 Patton Avenue by \$68,497.09.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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18-03 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OF ST. TIMOTHY'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE HILLTOP ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Hilltop Road Widening project, the property owned by St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, Tax Map No. 11-684-890-6 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$14,283.01 and the owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$16,455.51, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$16,455.51 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 431-6002-49.6012 CBR 083.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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19-03 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OF BOBBY L. MINOR AND MARGARET A. MINOR FOR THE HILLTOP ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Hilltop Road Widening project, the property owned by Bobby L. Minor and Margaret A. Minor, Tax Map No. 540-6-6 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$12,811.00 and the owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$16,109.00, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$16,109.00 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 431-6002-49.6012 CBR 083.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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A motion to approve minutes of regular meetings of 17 December 2002 and 7 January 2003 was unanimously adopted.

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Councilmember Perkins advised Council that the Guilford County Commissioners had voted to move the Planning Department, currently located downtown, to a location 10-12 miles away. He expressed strong concerns with respect to the inefficiency this would create for Greensboro City staff and developers, additional expense to taxpayers that the move would cause, and the benefit to downtown development and revitalization that would be realized by locating these offices in downtown Greensboro. Councilmember Perkins suggested that the Elm and Lee Street downtown site could be considered by the Commissioners as an alternative location that would positively impact downtown Greensboro.

Council discussed various strategies that would deal with the impact of the decision to relocate the Planning and Tax departments. Councilmember Perkins moved that Council adopt and send to the Guilford County Commissioners, a resolution requesting the Guilford County Commissioners to reconsider the decision and bring the City of Greensboro into official discussion to determine the outcome of this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

20-03 RESOLUTION REQUESTING GUILFORD COUNTY TO RECONSIDER RELOCATING THE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, The City staff regularly meets with the Guilford County Planning Department's Staff with regard to approval of plans for developments that are in unincorporated areas of Guilford County within the Water and Sewer Perimeter;

WHEREAS, Guilford County is considering moving its Planning Department from Governmental Plaza to Highway 68 in High Point, located approximately 10-12 miles away from its current downtown location;

WHEREAS, the City has not been represented in these discussions with the Commissioners and has an interest in this matter since it may affect the City of Greensboro's efficiency in service to our customers;

WHEREAS, developers often have plans that must be reviewed by both the City and County Planning Departments in the above mentioned Perimeter, and this process would be lengthened considerably due to the travel distance between the two departments;

WHEREAS, City Staff utilizes the Guilford County Planning Department in their research and it will be costly and inefficient if they have to travel to High Point;

WHEREAS, it will be beneficial for continued downtown development for the Guilford County Planning Department to remain downtown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the Guilford County Commissioners reconsider its decision to relocate the Planning Department from downtown to High Point.

(Signed) Robbie Perkins

The Mayor advised that he would deliver the resolution to the Guilford County Commissioners.

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Council discussed the possibility of expanding the Central Business District to include the site at Elm and Lee Street so that it could be considered eligible by the Federal Government as a potential site for building a new Federal Court. The City Manager advised that staff would follow up on making the site eligible and that this would not involve any commitment by the City to the Federal Government.

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Speaking to the upcoming completion of Painter Boulevard, Councilmember Perkins advised that the Urban Loop would extend through both the City and County jurisdictions. He expressed concern that there could be potential confusion as to who would have jurisdiction in terms of law enforcement on the loop. Following brief discussion by Council, the City Manager advised that staff would research options to address jurisdictional issues including annexation through the General Assembly and the State Department of Transportation.

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Councilmember Burroughs-White commended the Human Relations Department for their sponsorship of the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast.

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Councilmember Jessup expressed appreciation to the Engineering and Inspections Department for their responses to properties on Randleman Road. Butch Simmons, Interim Director of the Engineering and Inspections

Department, reported briefly on property in the area and outlined the processes used for property condemnation and demolition.

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Councilmember Jessup moved that John Rhodes be appointed to the Planning Department to fill the unexpired portion of term of Allison Best, resigned; this term will expire 15 August 2005. Following discussion of Council with respect to the existing vacancy on the Planning Board and the makeup of this board in terms of diversity, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gatten and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

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Councilmember Jessup moved that Diana Olden be appointed to serve a term on the Community Resource Board in the position formerly held by Sam Pass; this term will expire 15 August 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

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Councilmember Burroughs-White moved that Karen Holstein be appointed to the Commission on the Status of Women to fill the unexpired portion of term of Maureen Hartigan, resigned; this term will expire 15 August, 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

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Councilmember Carmany moved that Ruth Hinshaw be appointed to the Human Relations Commission to serve the unexpired portion of the term of Hector E. Saavedra; this term will expire 15 August 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

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Councilmember Vaughan moved that David Hoggard be appointed to serve a term on the Parks and Recreation Commission; this term will expire 15 August 2005. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burroughs-White and adopted by voice vote of 8-1.

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Councilmember Johnson added the names of James Key, Peter Ado and Karen Kent to the boards and commissions data bank for consideration of future service.

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Councilmember Johnson shared her opinion with respect to the importance of keeping the City clean and free of trash to create an attractive environment for new businesses.

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The Mayor advised that citizens whose names were placed in the boards and commissions databank prior to 1999 or 2000 should contact the Clerk if they were still interested in serving.

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Council spoke to numerous recent and upcoming community related events.

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After stating that he did not find all briefing topics valuable, Councilmember Phillips requested as much

advance notice as possible with respect to topics for upcoming briefing agendas. The City Manager briefly explained the briefing agenda process with respect to topic selection based on consensus of a majority of Council and advised that briefing agendas were finalized on a short turn around time. The Manager requested Council to let him know about specific items if they did not find them of interest.

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The City Manager asked the City Attorney to speak to the recently certified petition that addressed the permitted use of stadiums in downtown Greensboro. The City Attorney advised that the Clerk had certified the petition as sufficient and that the Board of Elections had certified the petition as sufficient. She stated that the City Charter required that the ordinance proposed in the petition be brought to Council for their consideration within 30 days. After noting that zoning ordinances were typically heard first by the Planning Board and Multi-Jurisdictional Ordinance Committee, she advised that to meet legal requirements this item did not need to follow that formality.

Councilmember Carmany moved that the ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, as proposed in the petition, be heard on the November 4, 2003 City Council agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

Council discussed the fact that this matter would be a public hearing item. After brief discussion, Councilmember Carmany moved that the public hearing for the ordinance proposed in the petition be conducted procedurally like a rezoning request, allowing speakers twenty minutes in favor and twenty minutes in opposition with a five-minute rebuttal for each side. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan and adopted by voice vote of 8-1.

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At the request of Council, the Manager provided an update on the City's recent excellent bond ratings. The Manager spoke to details of the outstanding ratings by the bond agencies who had rated Greensboro. He noted that these ratings would save the taxpayers money by lowering the interest rates on borrowing for debt service.

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Council spoke to recent community related events they had participated in and announced upcoming events and activities of interest.

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Councilmember Carmany moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson and unanimously adopted by voice vote of Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:59 p.m.

Susan E. Crotts
Deputy City Clerk

Keith A. Holliday
Mayor
